

PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1774**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Art Unit: 1774  
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LOW FRICTION SURFACE

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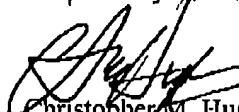
**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)**

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 29, 2005, rejecting the following Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13, 20-26, and 28.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed.

- ☒ **Applicant claims small entity Status.**
- ☐ A check is enclosed.  
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- ☒ **Please charge \$250.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the Notice of Appeal Filing Fee.**
- ☒ Any additional fee or refund may be charged to our  
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- ☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

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